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TO: All Interested Persons

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**Dear Interested Persons:** 

This is to let my colleagues and all interested persons know that Mr. Wayne Shirley from the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP) (<a href="www.raponline.org">www.raponline.org</a>) has offered to assist the Commission with its inquiry into Feed-in Tariffs at no cost to Arizona taxpayers or ratepayers. RAP Principals, Senior Associates, Senior Advisors and Senior Consultants are all experienced utility regulators, and all Principals and Senior Associates are full-time employees of RAP. Senior Advisors and Senior Consultants each work in their own consulting firms, but have worked with RAP on a continuing basis.

From the RAP website, http://www.raponline.org/Home.asp:

The Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP) is a non-profit organization, formed in 1992 by experienced utility regulators, that provides research, analysis, and educational assistance to public officials on electric utility regulation.

RAP workshops cover a wide range of topics including electric utility restructuring, power sector reform, renewable resource development, the development of efficient markets, performance-based regulation, demand-side management, and green pricing. RAP also provides regulators with technical assistance, training, and policy research and development. RAP has worked with public utility regulators and energy officials in 45 states, Washington D.C., Brazil, India, Namibia, China, Egypt, and a number of other countries.

RAP principals and associates have also written and spoken extensively on energy policy and regulation. RAP Issues letters, published quarterly, and RAP's many indepth reports and conference presentations provide serious and thoughtful discussion of cutting-edge issues in industry restructuring (e.g. market power, stranded costs, system benefits charges, customer choice, and consumer protection), and other current topics (e.g. resource portfolio management, policies for distributed generation and demand-side resources, distribution system regulation, reliability and risk management, rate design, electrical energy security, and environmental protection).

## Mr. Shirley's background:

Wayne Shirley is a Director of The Regulatory Assistance Project. He served as Commissioner of the New Mexico Public Utility Commission from March 1995 to December 1998, serving as Chairman from August 1995 to December 1998.

While a Commissioner he was a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment and the NARUC Ad Hoc Committee on Electric Industry Restructuring. Prior to serving on the New Mexico PUC, he held a variety of regulatory positions including General Counsel of the New Mexico State Corporation Commission, Director of the Energy Unit of the New Mexico Attorney General's Office, where he was New Mexico's chief consumer advocate, and as attorney for the New Mexico Industrial Energy Consumers.

He has also shared his regulatory expertise with regulators and governments of China, India, the Philippines, Zambia, Mozambique, Namibia, Lesotho, Mauritius, Poland, Malawi, Ghana, Indonesia, Egypt, Nepal, Bangladesh and Khyrgistan.

He received his J.D. in 1976 from the Southern Methodist University School of Law and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance in 1973 from the University of Texas at Austin.

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I appreciate Mr. Shirley and RAP's offer of assistance and look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

Paul Newman Commissioner